

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Tennessee Historical Commission to study the need for additional protection for the military heritage of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, House Bill 534/Senate Bill 1053 was introduced during the 2005 session of the 104th General Assembly; that proposed legislation would have created the Tennessee Military Heritage Commission to give protection to military heritage sites and artifacts, some of which are currently protected, but others of which are not currently protected under state law; and

WHEREAS, questions have been raised about the costs and benefits of such legislation; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to gather information on the most cost effective manner in which to preserve items of historical value, especially those not protected under current law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Historical Commission is urged to study the introduced version of House Bill 534/Senate Bill 1053 of the 104th General Assembly and report its findings and any recommendations to the chairs of the House Conservation and Environment Committee and the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee by December 15, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Historical Commission is urged to particularly consider: whether there is a need for either the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Wars Commission or the creation of a new entity to cover more of American military history than

what is currently covered by the Wars Commission for various purposes, including the identification, preservation, or legal protection of historical resources; whether there is a need for the protection of artifacts as well as sites; and how significant is any such need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Historical Commission is also urged to estimate what the costs of such programs would be and what would be the most efficient way to meet any of the identified needs, without overlapping with functions of existing agencies or laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Historical Commission is further urged to give notice to the House and Senate sponsors of House Bill 534/Senate Bill 1053 of any meetings to discuss these items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, and Herbert Harper, Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission, Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37243-0442, with this final clause omitted from such copy.